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In re Application of
Blackburn, et al.
Application No. 09/440,371
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Title: BINDING ACCELERATION
TECHNIQUES FOR THE
DETECTION OF ANALYTES

LETTER

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed March 13, 2000.

On August 30, 2000, Petitioner submitted the required Declaration with the signature of the previously non-signing inventor, Stephen D. O'Conner, and a request to withdraw the instant "Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)."

The instant "Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," is withdrawn.

Since the instant petition has been withdrawn, the \$130.00 petition fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account no. 06-1300.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Edward Tannouse at (703) 306-9200.

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